

TURNING TO THE DARK-SIDE!

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I've always been 'desktopTilDeath', however I'm thinking of turning to the dark-side and purchasing a laptop. I'm off to Plymouth in September as some of you will know, where I'll be starting a Digital Art & Technology course. I'm presently working for my Dad's company doing some graphic design/coding/marketing based work and the programs I need to do that are all on my PC. So, everyday I relentlessly pack up my tower, throw it in the car and go to work =.= It's becoming a real chore, and has opened my eyes with respect to how mobile I'm going to need to be especially doing such a course at uni.

So, I'm here to pick your technical minds, and brilliant minds they are. I don't pretend to know a lot about computer components especially those of a mobile variety, and so I'm going to give you what appears to me to be a lot of numbers and a lot of letters. My Dad bought a top of the range Alienware notebook last year and for years now I've been fixated with alienware both as a brand and for the products they sell (in terms of mobile technologies, desktop processors in laptops and what-not) and seeing as I'm working at the moment and my 21st birthday is coming up, I have quite a budget to work with (for once). Here is my proposed purchase:

M17®

Design & Display: Black Ripley Design

Display: 17-inch WideUXGA 1920 x 1200 LCD (1200p) with Clearview Technology

Graphics Processor : Dual 512MB ATI® Mobility Radeon™ HD 3870 – CrossFireX™ Enabled!

Processor: Intel® Core™ 2 Extreme Quad QX9300 2.53GHz (12MB Cache 1066MHz FSB)

Operating System: Genuine Windows® Vista Ultimate - English

Keyboard Options: Non-Illuminated Keyboard - English

Memory: 4GB Dual Channel DDR3 SO-DIMM at 1067MHz - 2 x 2048MB

System Drive: Single Drive Configuration - 256GB Solid State Drive

Notebook Tuners and Remotes: Internal Digital / Analog TV Tuner with Adapter and Media Center Remote Control

Optical Drives: 8x Dual Layer Burner (DVD±RW, CD-RW)

Wireless Network Card: Internal Intel® Ultimate N 5300 a/b/g/Draft-N Mini-Card with MIMO Technology

Sound Hardware: Internal High-Definition Audio with Surround Sound

Warranty: AlienCare 1-Year Free Phone 24/7 and Collect & Return

All this for a cool 2,675 british pounds. Pricey, yes, worth it? I think so, but what do YOU think?

Thanks guys!

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